

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 733

February 10, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes to amend Article IV of the Constitution of Tennessee relative to recall elections. County officers, judicial officers, and other elected civil officers are subject to recall from such office by the qualified voters of the district from which candidates are elected. Such district may include the entire state. The number of qualified voters equal to 25% of the votes cast in the last election for the public officer may, by petition, demand the recall of such public officer. No recall petition shall be circulated against any public officer until such officer has held office for a period of 180 days. A recall election shall be held within 120 days of submission of a petition unless a general election is scheduled within 180 days of submission of the petition and such recall shall than be held in conjunction with the general election.

The amendment shall be referred to the 104th General Assembly and this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumes a one-time cost of \$20,000 to the Secretary of State to publish notice of the proposed amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution. This publication would occur in the Spring of 2004.

For information purposes, the cost of any recall election would vary greatly depending on the number of recall elections held pursuant to this constitutional amendment and the size of the city or county conducting the recall election. A recall county election conducted in Shelby County would cost approximately \$1,000,000 per recall election, while a recall election in the City of Millersville would cost approximately \$6,000 per election.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director